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Amend **CSHB 3924** as follows:

(1) On page 2 between lines 18 and 19, add the following:

(3) "Dependent" has the meaning assigned by Section 1501.002.

(4) "Health status related factor" has the meaning assigned by Section 1501.002.

(5) "Preexisting condition" means a condition present before the effective date of an individual's coverage.

(2) On page 3 between lines 20 and 21, add the following and renumber the subsequent sections accordingly:

Sec. 1682.005. PREEXISTING CONDITION AND HEALTH STATUS RESTRICTIONS PROHIBITED. Notwithstanding section 1682.004, coverage authorized by this chapter may not:

(1) deny coverage to or refuse to enroll a group, an individual, or an individual's dependent in coverage on the basis of a preexisting condition or health status related factor;

(2) rescind, cancel, or decline to renew or continue a group, an individual, or an individual's dependent in the coverage on the basis of a preexisting condition or health status related factor;

(3) limit or exclude, or require a waiting period for, coverage for treatment of a preexisting condition otherwise covered under the plan; or

(4) charge a group, individual, or dependent on the basis of a preexisting condition or health status related factor, including charging more for coverage than the nonprofit agricultural organization charges a group, individual, or dependent who does not have a preexisting condition or health status related

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